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1. HUMAN RIGHTS AND REFUSENIK ACTIVISTS PLAN TO HOLD BRIEF SILENT DEMONSTRATION ON STEPS OF LENIN LIBRARY OPPOSITE SUPREME SOVIET, SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24. DEMONSTRATION WILL COMMEMORATE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF LENINGRAD TRIAL IN WHICH ACCUSED WOULD-BE PLANE HIJACKERS EDUARD KUZNETSOV AND MARK DYMSHITS WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH, A SENTENCE LATER REDUCED TO FIFTEEN YEARS IN LABOR CAMPS. BROADER PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATION IS TO INDICATE SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET POLITICAL PRISONERS GENERALLY. IN CONTRAST TO HUMAN RIGHTS DAY DEMONSTRATION (REFTEL), DEMONSTRATORS THIS TIME HAVE NOT REQUESTED PERMIT.

2. KUZNETSOV, HAVING COMPLETED HALF OF FIFTEEN YEAR SENTENCE RECENTLY, BECAME ELIGIBLE UNDER SOVIET
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REGULATIONS TO RECEIVE A FOOD PACKAGE AND HAVE A VISIT BY RELATIVE OR FRIEND. ANDREY SAKHAROV VISITED HIM DURING WEEK OF DECEMBER 12 AND, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, FOUND HIM REASONABLY GOOD HEALTH. REPORTEDLY, CONDITIONS AT CAMP ARE TENSE BECAUSE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE MIXED JEWISH REFUSENIKS AND IKRANIAN NATIONALITIES, SOME OF WHOM ARE EXTREMELY ANTI-SEMITIC.

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